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SUBJ: INDONESIA MAPPING AGREEMENT

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: COL NOLAN OF AUSTRALIAN ARMY MILITARY SURVEY INDICATED TIME FOR INITIATION OF MAPPING PROGRAM IN INDONESIA USING AUSTRALIAN TEAMS IN 1973 HAD PASSED. HE SAID HIS OFFICE WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE AGAIN DURING CALENDAR 1974. HE SAID AT THAT TIME IT WAS EXPECTED GOA WOULD HAVE PURCHASED TWO GEOCEIVERS FROM U. S. SOURCES WHICH COULD BE USED FOR THIS WORK. EMBASSY REQUESTS INFORMATION ON WHETHER DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY WISHES TO PURSUE PROGRAM AT THIS STAGE. END SUMMARY.

ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REF B CONTAINING DRAFT TEXT OF U. S./ AUSTRALIAN MAPPING AGREEMENT. DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED U. S. - INDONESIAN AGREEMENT ON SAME SUBJECT WAS NOT INCLUDED. REQUEST DEPARTMENT TRANSMIT COPY OF U. S.- INDONESIAN AGREEMENT.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH COL. JOHN NOLAN, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY SURVEY, AUSTRALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, AND HIS DEPUTY, LT. COL. J. T. STEDMAN ON JUNE 8. NOLAN APPEARED TO BE WELL VERSED ON SUBJECT OF PROPOSED MAPPING OF INDONESIA, HAVING HAD DISCUSSIONS AND RECENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH ANDEREGG OF U. S. DEFENSE MAPPING
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AGENCY. WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED MAPPING OF INDONESIA, USING AUSTRALIAN TEAMS AND U. S. EQUIPMENT (GEOCEIVERS), NOLAN INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARED ON AUSTRALIAN SIDE TO PROVIDE USG WITH RESULTS OF THIS MAPPING EFFORT PROVIDED THAT GENERAL PRENATO OF INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT GAVE HIS APPROVAL. IT APPEARED TO NOLAN THAT MAJOR HOLDUP IN PROGRAM WAS GETTING INDONESIAN APPROVAL AND AMERICAN SATISFACTION THAT APPROVAL WOULD BE HONORED. ALSO, ACCORDING TO NOLAN, TIME FOR INITIATION OF A PROGRAM IN 1973 USING AUSTRALIAN TEAMS IN INDONESIA HAD PASSED. AUSTRALIAN TEAMS NOW IN INDONESIA WILL RETURN TO AUSTRALIA IN AUGUST THIS YEAR. HE STATED, HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MAPPING COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY AUSTRALIAN TEAMS IN 1974 WHEN THEY EXPECT TO HAVE PURCHASED AT LEAST TWO GEOCEIVERS FROM U. S. SOURCES.

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS SKETCHED BRIEFLY PROPOSAL FOR TWO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN U. S. AND INDONESIA AND U. S. AND AUSTRALIA TO COVER PROPOSED MAPPING OF INDONESIA. NOLAN INDICATED HE PERSONALLY DID NOT FAVOR THIS APPROACH, APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT TO BE CUMBERSOME WAY OF PROCEEDING. NOLAN REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT AGREEMENT OF GENERAL PRENATO WOULD BE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR HIM TO PROVIDE RESULTS OF PROPOSED MAPPING TO U. S. AUTHORITIES.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF COL. NOLAN' S INFORMATION, WE WONDER IF DMA WISHES TO PURSUE MATTER OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA AT PRESENT TIME. EMBASSY WILL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE COMMENTS ON BOTH DRAFT TEXTS WHEN U. S. - INDONESIAN DRAFT TEXT RECEIVED.
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